



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration/500 West Temple Street, Room B-50/Los Angeles, California 90012 / (213) 974-1431

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MINUTES OF THE 709th MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 709th meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on March 11, 2010 in Sybil Brand Room 372 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those present follows:

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MEMBERS EXCUSED

Nelson L. Atkins
Sylvia Scott-Hayes
Kit Bobko

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Beatriz Dieringer, District Attorney's Office
Ramon Quintana, Public Defender's Office
Captain Samuel Dacus, Sheriff's Department
Zoe Venhuizen, Superior Court

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

David S. Cunningham III, Superior Court

STAFF

Twila P. Kerr, Commission Services Staff
Lupe Duron, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

GUEST(S)

David S. Cunningham, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Zine called the 709th regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Albright.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Zine reported the following:

- Met with William T Fujioka, Los Angeles County, Chief Executive Officer who expressed his regrets for not being able to attend due to County budget meetings;
- City of Los Angeles is evaluating the Police Departments budget in an effort to alleviate court overtime. After discussion, Commissioner Huang suggested including language in traffic violation notices offering a \$30-\$50 automatic payment plan option to reduce court appearances.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2010

On motion of Commissioner Voss, seconded by Commissioner Albright, and unanimously carried, the minutes for the meeting of January 14, 2010 were approved.

APPROVAL TO WAIVE COMMISSIONER'S MONTHLY STIPEND

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Voss, seconded by Commissioner Barr, the Commission approved to waive their monthly stipend. Staff was instructed to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors informing them of the Commission's action.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Safe Child Custody Exchange Program (SCCEP)

Ex Officio Member, Bea Dieringer, District Attorney's Office reported that the Captain at the Van Nuys Sheriff Station was not able to obtain approval from management to establish an SCCEP at their station however, efforts will continue.

Diversity on the Bench Initiative

Discussion ensued on methods the JPC can assist minority groups to increase diversity on the Bench. After discussion, the Commission agreed to invite the Minority, State and County Bar Associations to the next meeting to discuss outreach programs and judicial mentoring for minorities.

Public Guardian Program

Commissioner Voss stated there was no reportable action.

Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) Trust Fund Committee

Commissioner Barr, Chair of the JPC Trust Fund Committee reported the JPC Trust Fund balance as of February 28, 2010 is \$3,563.52. This balance includes two donations by the Sogo Group of \$500 each and accrued interest of \$3.65

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

Discussion on overtime for the appearance of uniform officers in the court - Los Angeles Police Department and Sherriff's Department

Discussion on outreach and mentoring programs to assist minorities in elevating to the bench - State of California and Los Angeles County Bar Associations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Jacobs reported he attended the opening of the Child Waiting Room at the San Fernando Courthouse where he spoke with Supervisor Yaroslavsky regarding the Commission vacancy for his district. Supervisor Yaroslavsky agreed to discuss the opening with his office. Chairman Zine instructed staff to send a vacancy reminder letter to all Supervisors and include JPC accomplishments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 709th meeting of the JPC adjourned at 1:22 p.m.